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A WORD IN SEASON.

Easter-Tide.

O, rare as the splendor of lilies,
And sweet as the violet's breath,
Comes the jubilant morning of
Easter,

A triumph of life over death;
For fresh from the earth's quickened
bosom

Full baskets of flowers we bring,
And scatter their satin-soft petals
To carpet a path for our King.

We have groped through the twilight
of sorrow,

Have tasted the Marah of tears;
But, lo, in the gray of the dawning
Breaks the hope of our long silent
years;

And the loved and the lost we
thought perished,

Who vanished afar in the night,
Will return in the beauty of spring-
time

To beam on our rapturous sight.

Sweet Easter-tide pledges their com-
ing,

Serene beyond trouble and toil,
As the lily upsprings in its freshness
From the warm, throbbing heart
of the soil,

And after all partings, reunion,
And after all wanderings, home—
O, here is the balm for our heartache,
As up to our Easter we come!

In the countless green blades of the
meadow,

The sheen of the daffodil's gold,
In the tremulous blue on the moun-
tains,

The opaline mist on the wold,
In the tinkle of brooks through the
pasture,

The river's strong sweep to the
sea,

Are signs of the day that is hasting
In gladness to you and to me.

So dawn in thy splendor of lilies,
Thy fluttering violet breath,

O jubilant morning of Easter,
Thou triumph of life over death!

For fresh from the earth's quickened
bosom

Full baskets of flowers we bring,
And scatter their satin-soft petals
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—Margaret E. Sangster.

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Mr. J. S. Westbrook, of Wallace, who was in the city yesterday, says the heavy rains the past week have seriously affected the strawberry prospects. Beetles have also appeared in large numbers and are doing considerable damage. The acreage is increased over last year, but Mr. Westbrook thinks the crop will be shorter.—Wilmington Messenger.

SAN MIGUEL KILLED.

He was the Last Unreconciled Phipino Insurgent.

Manila dispatch: The report that San Miguel, the Filipino leader, was killed in Friday's fight near Mariquina, is confirmed. His body has been identified and delivered to his relatives for burial.

San Miguel, with his bodyguard, consisting of 30 men, abandoned the fort at Mariquina and made an attempt to escape, but the Macabebes scouts surrounded the party, mortally wounded San Miguel and killed six of his bodyguard. After he fell San Miguel emptied his revolver among the Macabebes and died.

San Miguel was the last unreconciled Filipino insurgent. He failed to attain prominence during the insurrection.

The bodies of the insurgents killed in the fighting at Mariquina, to the number of about 50, were taken to Caloocan to-day and were surrendered to relatives of the dead. Lieut. Reese and the other wounded scouts will recover.

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